



Newsletter 29 – 5th May 2017
'We are proud of our similarities and differences.'

Diary Dates

Being Proud

KS2 SATs Week

Y5 & 6 Isle of Wight Trip

Year 1 Assembly

Year 4 Assembly

Break Up

Back to School

Year 2 Assembly

Week beg 8th May

Week beg 15th May

Friday 19th May at 2.30pm

Monday 22nd May at 2.40pm

Friday 26th May

Monday 5th June

Friday 14th July 2.30pm

INSET Days

Friday 1st September 2017

Monday 30th October 2017

Tuesday 31st October 2017

Monday 18th December 2017

Friday 9th February 2018

Headteacher's News

It is amazing how quickly the week goes when we have only had four days!

Next week our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs tests, starting with Reading on Monday morning.

Whatever the outcome, I would like to thank both the pupils and the staff for their hard work and combined effort to plug any gaps in skills and knowledge. Cedar class have been developing their

'Growth Mindsets' so I expect them to come in on Monday with a few nerves but also with a confident 'I can do it' running through them like a stick of rock.

And finally, over the next couple of weeks, we will be trialling our new behaviour rewards and sanctions to iron out any initial glitches. Our main aim in this is to provide consistency right across the school, including at dinnertimes, so that the children feel confident that behaviour is dealt with fairly. Please let us know if any issues arise that you think we should be aware of.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Millie and Kyle

Year 1 Oak: Emily

Year 2 Ash: Kayla

Year 3 Lime: Liam

Year 4 Maple: Mira

Year 5 Sycamore: Gracie

Year 6 Cedar: Gracie



Attendance Total 96.2%

YR Cherry 96.1%

Y1 Oak 94.8%

Y2 Ash 97.1%

Y3 Lime 96.5%

Y4 Maple 96.0%

Y5 Sycamore 96.5%

Y6 Cedar 96.0%



Reading Certificates

Reading 10: Archie, Liam

Reading 20: Haydn, Olivia, Rhys, Elliot, Jessica

Reading 30: Caitlyn, Mark, Ruby, Lacey, Dean, Liam, Aiden, Gracie, Megan, Corey, William



Holidays

We do not authorise holidays in term time anyway, but it is crucial that every child is in school for the very important Term 1 settling in and key initial background learning. Please can you give your child the best start in their next year group by making sure they are in school for the whole of September.

One of our key values here at Courtney is being honest. Unfortunately, we have had one or two incidents where children have clearly been on holiday, or had an extended weekend, but parents have phoned in to say their child was ill. Please could you be honest when you phone in to explain an absence so that our children can be truthful when they come back and share their news.

Before and After School

Please could we remind of our rules at drop off and pick up.

- All children should come straight down to the bottom play area to wait before school starts in the morning.
- The play apparatus (slide, swings etc) are only for use within school hours so should not be played on.
- Ball games are not permitted
- Scooters and bikes should be pushed once in the school grounds.

Thank you for your continued support with this. It helps us all keep safe and make the waiting areas pleasant for everyone to stand in.

New Families Welcome

It can be difficult to develop relationships with other parents when new families join us mid-year. If you see a parent who you don't recognise standing on their own for several days, please could we ask that you go and say hello to make them feel more welcome in our school community.

The same goes for play dates. If you are able, please could you consider whether it would be a good idea to invite any new children to your house to play.